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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL DUTY CASES: KING/VERPLAETSE/KIRWAN

REF: (A) STATE 130052, DTG 062138Z JUN 77; (NOTAL;

(B) MANILA 8621, DTG 030810Z JUN 77; (C) MANILA 8620,

DTG 030810Z JUN 77

1. ON AFTERNOON JUNE 6 EMBASSY RECEIVED DFA NOTE NO. 1718-77,
DATED 3 JUNE 1977, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
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AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE
LATTER'S NOTE NO. 316, DATED 1 JUNE 1977.

ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE NO.
1711-77, DATED 1 JUNE 1977, IN REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S
NOTE NO. 168, DATED 30 MARCH 1977, STATING THAT THE
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED THE HONORABLE

JOSE D. INGLES, UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
AND THE HONORABLE CATALINE MACARAIG, UNDERSECRETARY OF
JUSTICE, AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT
TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMBASSY ON THE
MATTER.

IN VIEW OF THE STATEMENT IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO.
316 ABOVEMENTIONED THAT "THE EMBASSY REMAINS PREPARED
TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE ABOVE CASES",
IT REMAINS FOR THE EMBASSY TO DESIGNATE ITS OWN
REPRESENTATIVES SO THAT THEY COULD MEET WITH THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLY
AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT TAKES THE VIEW
THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CANNOT TAKE UNILATERAL
ACTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MILITARY BASES
AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, BUT MUST AWAIT THE RESULT OF THE
CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THE MATTER.

IN VIEW THEREOF, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY
INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAMES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO PROPOSE A DATE
FOR THE MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS TO REVIEW THE DUTY CERTIFICATES IN QUESTION.
THE DEPARTMENT AVAILS ITSELF...END QUOTE.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED REFTEL A,
PROPOSED EMBASSY NOTES AS SUGGESTED IN REFTELS B AND C
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HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN SENT.

3. IN LIGHT OF LATEST DFA NOTE CITES ABOVE, BELIEVE IT
IMPORTANT FOR EMBASSY TO RESPOND ASAP. ACCORDINGLY,
PROPOSED REPLY ALONG LINES OF REFTEL BI IS CONSIDERED
ESSENTIAL.

4. EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES IT IS NECESSARY TO CONVEY
USG POSITION ON DFA'S REQUEST TO RETAIN VERPLAETSE IN
PHILIPPINES (PER REFTEL C) AT EARLIEST TIME. IF
REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN REPS OF BOTH COUNTRIES
OCCUR WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, USG POSITION AS DESCRIBED
IN PROPOSED RESPONSE (REFTEL C) COULD BE CONVEYED AT
THAT TIME. OTHERWISE, EMBASSY BELIEVES NOTIFICATION
TO DFA BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE AS PROPOSED IN REFTEL C
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
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